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Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
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San Francisco, California

Dear Henry:

Discussing his observations on his visit to you, Colonel White mentions two things which he probably made clear to you but which he thinks worth reminding you of now.

Central files of broadcast material, except for publications, are no longer maintained here. FBIB is legally obliged to retain this material in original form, and its wartime files are still actually used in treason trials and for other purposes. Field offices have now become the repository for this material, and as of January 1948 you should no longer discard monitored flimsies after three months. When the files become too bulky for you to store, we will probably have to make arrangements to transfer them to Archives.

We can and are eager to get you reference materials which you need, but it is hard for us to take the initiative, being uncertain what you have and what you most feel the lack of. You can requisition formally anything you have identifying nomenclature on; and if you know of no handbook to satisfy a certain need, as, for example, a source for Philippine names, please tell us about it and we will try to find something.

Colonel White was generally pleased with what he found in Tokyo, as you probably know. I think my prediction will be vindicated that his visit will have been of value both to you and to FBIB generally.

Regards,

  
Chief, Field Division

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